

Tithes and Offerings



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Order of Worship
January 19, 2025
Second Sunday after Epiphany

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome
Worship in Song
Call to Worship
Worship in Song
Prayer

We Listen to the Word

Sermon Series: I Never Said That —Jesus
Sermon: "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

*Words to music, responsive readings and
The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen*



Women of all ages are invited to come
to eat, share, and pray

LADIES' BREAKFAST TABLE

Saturday, January 25
9:00am at Perkins

RSVP Delores Reese 717-512-4536 or
office@tablelifechurch.org by 1/23

A poster for Family Game Night at Table Life Church. It features three colorful dice (pink, yellow, and blue) in the center. The text on the poster reads: "TABLE LIFE CHURCH Family Game Night FRIDAY JAN 31 6-8 PM The Gathering Place (modular building) TABLE LIFE CHURCH".

Bring a snack to share

All are welcome. Invite a friend!

Bring a game or play one of ours

Kids + Adults

GIVING STATEMENTS

Giving statements will be emailed by January 31st.
If you prefer to have a hard copy mailed to you,
please contact the church office:
office@tablelifechurch.org or 717-774-6444.

For a complete list of ongoing ministries and upcoming events,
please visit tablelifechurch.org.

Doggy Bag-



Some questions to chew on:

1. What stood out to you or was helpful from this message?
2. What was surprising to you about the origins of this phrase? Why is it important not to confuse the American Dream with the gospel message?
3. When have you used or heard this phrase? Have you ever used it as an excuse not to help someone?
4. What does this phrase get right?
5. What does this phrase get wrong? How does God's grace change how we see ourselves and our relationship with God?
6. How does knowing your dependence on God change how you see your gifts? How does it change how you view your limitations, failures, and the times you cannot change things?

“God Helps Those Who Help Themselves”

Pastor Kris Beckert

The most popular “Bible verse” not in the Bible:
“God _____ those who _____ themselves”

I. Where does this phrase come from?

- Its premise can be traced back to ancient Greece
- Made popular by _____ in 1736 Poor Richard's Almanack
- Tied to the _____ Dream that you are what you make yourself to be

II. What does this phrase get right and wrong?

1. What it gets right: its _____

- We play a role in what happens in our lives
- We have a personal responsibility in how we respond to _____
- “Ora et labora” is a saying of Benedictine monks that means “Pray and _____”

Proverbs 14:23 All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

- Jesus' Parable of the _____:

Matthew 25:14-15 “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. ¹⁵ He gave five talents to one, two talents to another, and one talent to the last—

NEW HERE? NEED PRAYER?

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Connection Card

I'm a new here I'm a returning guest
 I have new contact information

Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____

How did you hear about us?
 Online Card
 Social Media Invited by _____
 Other: _____

I would like to know more about or help with:
 What it means to follow Jesus
 Connecting w/ my group
 Serving
 Kids & Youth Activities
Prayer Request: _____

Please fill out a connection card located in the seats in front of you. Or you can fill one out online.



SCAN ME

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If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org or call 717-774-6444

dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip..."

2. What it gets wrong:

Problem #1: It is used as an argument against _____ other people

- The People of God are called to love and serve others, with no conditions attached

Deuteronomy 15:11 There will always be some in the land who are poor. That is why I am commanding you to share freely with the poor and with other Israelites in need.

Proverbs 14:31 Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.

Matthew 25:34-40 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' ³⁷ "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? ³⁹ When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

Problem #2: : It says _____ are the main actors and _____ comes in a supporting role

- God always acts before we do
- Grace = God helps those who _____
- We are all in need of _____

2 Corinthians 12:10 "For when I am weak, then I am strong."

III. What is a better phrase?

"God helps those who _____"

- When we cannot help ourselves and when we see our limits, God provides hope through Jesus

Isaiah 40:28-31 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. ²⁹ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹ but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Big Idea:
